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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y	US 4045308 (WHITE) 30 August 1977. See especially the Claims.	1-12
A	GB 2359564 A (THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE) 29 August 2001. See whole document.	1-12
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